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SOUTH CAROLINA VALUE OF POULTRY PRODUCTION UP

The value of **SOUTH CAROLINA'S** broiler, egg and turkey production plus sales from chickens in 2010 was \$1.1 billion, up 10 percent from the 2009 value of \$1.0 billion, according to USDA - NASS, South Carolina Field Office.

The value of **broilers** produced during 2010 was \$750.4 million, up 8 percent from the \$695.5 million in 2009. The total number of broilers produced in 2010 was 241.0 million, up 1 percent from the 237.8 million in 2009. Value of **egg** production in 2010 was \$86.2 million, up 1 percent from \$85.7 million in 2009. In 2010, eggs averaged 93.9 cents per dozen compared to 91.2 cents in 2009. The value of **turkeys** produced in 2010 was \$262.1 million, up 19 percent from \$220.9 million in 2009. Turkey production totaled 429.6 million pounds in 2010, down 1 percent from the 433.2 million pounds in 2009. The value of **chickens sold** for slaughter was \$2.0 million in 2010, up 35 percent from 2009.

The **U.S.** combined value of production from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from chickens in 2010 was \$34.7 billion, up 10 percent from \$31.6 billion in 2009. Of the combined total, 68 percent was from broilers, 19 percent from eggs, 13 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from chickens.

The **value of broilers** produced during 2010 was \$23.7 billion, up 9 percent from 2009. The total number of broilers produced in 2010 was 8.63 billion, up 1 percent from 2009. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2010 was 49.2 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 2009.

Value of all egg production in 2010 was \$6.52 billion, up 6 percent from the \$6.17 billion in 2009. Egg production totaled 91.4 billion eggs, up 1 percent from the 90.5 billion eggs produced in 2009.

The **value of turkeys** produced during 2010 was \$4.37 billion, up 22 percent from the \$3.57 billion the previous year. Turkey production in 2010 totaled 7.11 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the 7.15 billion pounds produced in 2009.

The **value of sales from chickens** (excluding broilers) in 2010 was \$72.0 million, up 11 percent from the \$65.1 million a year ago. The number of chickens sold in 2010 totaled 172 million, down 2 percent from the total sold during the previous year.